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berg, Foreign Honorary Member; of Mr. S. F. B. Morse, Associate Fellow; and of Professor Daniel Treadwell, Resident Fellow of the Academy.

The President read a note from Mr. John Noble, announcing a large legacy to the Academy by Professor Treadwell.

On the motion of Dr. E. H. Clarke, it was voted that the President be authorized to express to the executors and to Mrs. Treadwell the grateful sentiments of the Academy in accepting this gift.

The Recording Secretary read a report of the Committee appointed to consider a suggestion to change the rooms of the Academy.

It was voted that this report be accepted, and that the Committee be continued until the Annual Meeting.

Mr. Alexander Agassiz made a statement of some of the results obtained by the Hassler expedition.

Dr. J. B. S. Jackson exhibited some Mexican seeds which moved when laid on a heated plate, because of the presence on their interior of small living larvæ.

Six hundred and forty-fourth Meeting.

May 14, 1872. — MONTHLY MEETING.

The PRESIDENT in the chair.

On account of the absence of Mr. Theodore Lyman in Europe, the President nominated Mr. H. G. Denny to fill his place on the Committee to audit the Treasurer's account.

The President read a letter from the Vice-President, declining to be a candidate for re-election.

Professor W. A. Rogers read a paper on the observations already made with the large transit circle of the Cambridge Observatory.

Professor H. L. Eustis presented a communication on the truss constructed for the roof of the building called the *Coliseum*, in Boston.